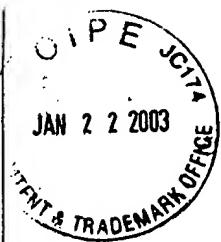


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In re Application of:

Todd J. MORTIER et al.

Application No.: 09/981,790

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed is an Amendment and a reply to the Office Action of December 24, 2002. The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for a [number] month(s) extension of time to respond to the above Office Action. The fee of \$[Fee] for the Extension is enclosed.

The extra claims fee is calculated below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	62	-	52	10	x \$ 18	\$ 180.00
Indep.	5	-	4	1	x \$ 84	84.00
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					Subtotal	\$ 264.00
					Reduction by ½ if small entity	- 132.00
					TOTAL	\$ 132.00

A check for \$132.00 to cover the extra claims fee is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this reply and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Dated: January 22, 2003

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